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For : Cr-BASED ALLOY HAVING AN EXCELLENT STRENGTH-
DUCTILITY BALANCE AT HIGH TEMPERATURES**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND COVER LETTER
SUBMITTING AMENDED PAGES OF APPLICATION**Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report - Form PCT/IPEA/409 which was drawn on the originally filed description, and claim 1 as filed on May 26, 2000, and includes as an Annex amended pages 1, 3, and 3/1 of the specification and amended page 10 of the claims including claims 1-4.

Based upon the submission of amended sheets of specification and claims, Applicant respectfully requests examination on the merits of the application containing amended pages 1, 3, and 3/1 of the specification and amended page 10 of claims 1-4, in place of originally filed claim 1 appearing on page 10 of the English translation of International Application No. PCT/JP00/03399 as originally filed.

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